

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for creating and displaying stylized digital content, the method comprising:

- 5 reading a first file containing a digital content item to be stylized;
- reading a plurality of second files, each second file containing at least one style definition;
- creating a plurality of display instances of stylized digital content by applying the at least one style definition from each second file to the digital content item of the first file;
- 10 mapping each of the plurality of second files to an area of a display device;
- receiving a location on the display from a pointing device; and
- displaying one of the plurality of display instances based on the received location.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the first file comprises an extensible markup
- 15 language.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of second files comprise an extensible style language.

- 20 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of second files are cascading style sheet files.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the style definition comprises at least one of a font, a font size, a font style, a color, and a justification.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the pointing device comprises at least one of a mouse and a touch screen.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein mapping each second file comprises mapping each second file to a x-pixel location and y-pixel location.

10 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the displaying one of the plurality of display instances comprises selecting the display instance corresponding to the second file mapped to the received display location.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein each second file comprises a first style field containing a first style definition and a second style field containing a second style definition.

10. The method of claim 9 further comprising:
receiving a selection of a display instance;
sending a prompt to the display device indicating a status of the first style definition
and second style definition;
receiving an accepted status for the first style definition and a non-accepted status for the second style definition;

selecting from the plurality of second files, a subset of second files containing the first style definition;

creating a second plurality of display instances of stylized digital content by applying the subset of second files to the content of the first file;

5 receiving a second location from a pointing device; and

displaying one of the second plurality of display instances based on the second received location.

11. The method of claim 10 further comprising:

10 receiving a selected display instance having a selected style definition; and
storing an indication of the selected style definition.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising:

reading the stored indication; and
15 mapping an area of the display device to a selected one of the plurality of second files
based on the indication.

13. A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for creating and displaying stylized digital content, the instructions, when executed on a processor,
20 causing the processor to perform the following:

reading a first file containing a digital content item to be stylized;

reading a plurality of second files, each second file containing at least one style definition;

creating a plurality of display instances of stylized digital content by applying the at least one style definition from each second file to the digital content item of the first file; mapping each of the plurality of second files to an area of a display device; receiving a location on the display from a pointing device; and
5 displaying one of the plurality of display instances based on the received location.

14. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 wherein the first file comprises an extensible markup language.

10 15. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 wherein the plurality of second files comprise an extensible style language.

16. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 wherein the displaying one of the plurality of display instances comprises selecting the display instance corresponding to the
15 second file mapped to the received display location.

17. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 wherein each second file comprises a first style field containing a first style definition and a second style field containing a second style definition.

20 18. The computer-readable medium of claim 17 wherein the instructions further cause the processor to perform the following:

receiving a selection of a display instance;

sending a prompt to the display device indicating a status of the first style definition and second style definition;

receiving an accepted status for the first style definition and a non-accepted status for the second style definition;

5 selecting from the plurality of second files, a subset of second files containing the first style definition;

creating a second plurality of display instances of stylized digital content by applying the subset of second files to the content of the first file;

receiving a second location from a pointing device; and

10 displaying one of the second plurality of display instances based on the second received location.

19. The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the instructions further cause the processor to perform the following:

15 receiving a selected display instance having a selected style definition; and
storing an indication of the selected style definition.

20. The computer-readable medium of claim 19 wherein the instructions further cause the processor to perform the following:

20 reading the stored indication; and

mapping an area of the display device to a selected one of the plurality of second files based on the indication.

21. A system for creating stylized digital content, the system comprising:
a processor for creating display instances of stylized digital content;
a pointing device for sending a location to the processor, thereby allowing selective
browsing through display instances; and

5 a display device for displaying created display instances;
wherein the processor is programmed to perform the following:
reading a first file containing a digital content item to be stylized;
reading a plurality of second files, each second file containing at least one style
definition;

10 creating a plurality of display instances of stylized digital content by applying the at
least one style definition from each second file to the digital content item of the first file;
mapping each of the plurality of second files to an area of the display device;
receiving a location on the display from the pointing device; and
displaying one of the plurality of display instances based on the received location.

15 22. The system of claim 21 wherein the first file comprises an extensible markup
language.

20 23. The system of claim 21 wherein the plurality of second files comprise an
extensible style language.